

HOUSE RESOLUTION 271
By Montgomery

A RESOLUTION to honor the life and accomplishments of Mr. Bill Faddis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to honor those gentlemen who stand out as stellar examples of community leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bill Faddis is an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who has worked assiduously to improve the games of literally thousands of golfers, and who has unfailingly stood in support of his friends and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Faddis began a lifelong love affair with golf at the age of twelve; he played golf at Central High School and Halls High School; and

WHEREAS, he played in approximately thirty military golf tournaments from 1951 to 1955; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Faddis incredibly has never lost a high school match; as a coach, he started giving amateur golfing lessons in Alaska in 1952; and

WHEREAS, a longtime PGA pro, Mr. Faddis has worked miracles with blind golfers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Faddis particularly focused his professional attention on Jim Daniels for three years; Mr. Daniels shot in the low 80's and low 90's, and ultimately won the National Blind Tourney in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Faddis has served with acumen and humility and has taught many high school golfers and college golfers, and several future professional golfers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Faddis has also worked with golfers at Seymour, Sevier County, South Doyle, Bearden, and West High Schools, in addition to serving as Assistant University of Tennessee Golf Coach from 1956-1958; and

WHEREAS, Bill Faddis has earned the respect of his peers for the superior quality of his golf instruction; and

WHEREAS, at least two dozen of Mr. Faddis' students have played college golf after thriving under Mr. Faddis' tutelage; and

WHEREAS, several of Bill Faddis' students have excelled to play on the PGA Tour, namely: Bert Greene, Randy Glover, Will Brewer, Ricky Gregg, and Doc Goss; many others have become club pros or assistants; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Faddis has been the Golf Pro or Assistant Pro at the following clubs: Boys Mountain Country Club, Dean Hill Country Club, Laurel Valley Golf Course, Royal Oaks Country Club of Cartersville, Georgia, Bloomington Hills Country Club, and Colonial Par 3; and

WHEREAS, Bill Faddis has been a golf pro for 44 years, and has been a valuable member of the PGA for the past 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Bill Faddis is highly regarded as a professional but, more importantly, as a friend; and

WHEREAS, he has given lessons to the following dignitaries: Senator Bill Clabough, Representative Steven Buttry, Representative Richard Montgomery, Pat Wood, Eddie Fryor, Bob Broome, Casey Jones, Walter Mahone of Cartersville, Georgia, Jimmy Dellinger, and many county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Faddis notes the following as some of the great amateur golfers he has tutored: Ricky Gregg, Jimmy Bales, Leroy Clark, Charlie Smith, and Wayne Moore; and

WHEREAS, a truly compassionate and giving person, he is also committed to raising money for the following charities: The Cancer Foundation, the Lung Foundation, and the Heart Foundation, diabetes and epilepsy organizations, and many local charities; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to celebrate the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant, human being and golf professional; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and recognize Mr. Bill Faddis, for his stalwart commitment to teaching and promoting the great game of golf, and salute his standing as an admirable PGA golf professional.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.